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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

MEETING DATE AND TIME: May 5, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: June 2, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Broadhurst, Professional Member, Chairperson Wendy Mears, Professional Member, Vice-Chairperson Kimberly Pierson, Professional Member Rosemarie Vanderhoogt, Public Member Victor Kennedy, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General (by phone) Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

ALSO PRESENT

Natalie Barnes
Dorian Nichols
Lawrence Sokola
Preeti Talreja
Susan Jacobs
Jennifer Porter
Joe Kelly
Kelly Richardson
Tomika Holmes
Jan Gorecki

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CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Broadhurst called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting. Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to approve the following continuing education courses:

Lauren Janusz – DOTA, Pediatric Special Interest Section Cortical Vision Impairment – 1.5 hours Handwriting: Evaluation and Intervention in School Settings – 1.5 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to table the following continuing education course and request a timed agenda and certificate of attendance for credit:

Beebe Medical Center Carfit Technician

The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify Applications for Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to ratify the following applications:

Ellen Latronico – Occupational Therapist Keelin Murphy – Occupational Therapist

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to approve the following continuing education courses:

Colleen Heckman – Austill's/Temple University
Learning through Action: Changing the Face of Fieldwork – 5 hours

Andrew Laws – Orfit Industries America

A Splinting Guide: Mobilization Splinting with Orfit – 7.5 hours

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REHABdynamix

Lasers for the 21st Century: The Emergine Paradigm – 8 hours

Bayada Nurses

The Vital Review and Breathe Easier: Helping Patients Function with COPD – 2.5 hours

Lauren Janusz – DOTA, Pediatric Special Interest Section
Review of AJOT Article "Effect of Assistive Technology in a Public School Setting" – 1 hour

Colleen Heckman – Easter Seals Delaware Handwriting Without Tears – 1 hour

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Broadhurst made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to approve the following continuing education courses:

Institute for Natural Resources
Burnout, Stress & Fatigue – 6 hours
Food Addictions, Overeating & Mood Swings – 6 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to table the following continuing education course and request that Ms. Talreja provide documentation as to whether this course is interactive so the appropriate category can be determined:

Preeti Talreja – CE International Bone & Joint Live Online Seminar

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to table the following continuing education course and request a certificate of attendance:

Preeti Talreja – Interactive Metronome IM Gait Mate Certification Course

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Broadhurst made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to table the following continuing education course and request documentation to indicate the dates of participation and more descriptive information about the licensee's role in the project in accordance with Rule and Regulation 3.5.5.1:

Donna Reed – Grant and Evaluation Sensory Awareness through Positioning

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Broadhurst made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to table the following continuing education course and request documentation to verify agenda with timeline for presentation:

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Donna Reed – Inservice for Teachers at Kent County Community School A Step Beyond

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to table the following continuing education course and request confirmation of the end time for the course:

Therapy Services of Delaware
Effective Data Collection and Treatment Strategies

The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion: Supervision of Students

Ms. Mears stated that the question had been raised if the number of students being supervised counts towards the number of persons that an occupational therapist can supervise. It was discussed that students are not regulated and do not fall under the Board's jurisdiction. Ms. Pierson stated that there are billing guidelines that do address the number of persons that an occupational therapist can supervise. Ms. Pierson indicated that this is not a problem that needs to be addressed. There have been no complaints received by the Board regarding this issue. Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt that the Board have no further discussion on this matter and that the Board does not move forward with any proposed changes to the rules and regulations. The motion was unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

There was no other business brought before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gorecki asked for clarification for submitting continuing education courses for approval. She also commented on the supervision of students.

Ms. Richardson asked for clarification regarding the Board's decision on the course "Carfit Technician" submitted by Beebe Medical Center.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin

Administrative Specialist III